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this will have the...the effect of decreasing insurance coverages and then, by that effect, increasing the amount of money that we will be pressured into putting into this fund to make up for the further lack of insurance funds? I...I would be interested in your response to that possibility.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I hadn't actually, excuse me. Is it okay?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Hadn't thought about it in that context because we're probably just talking about a...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...couple hundred cases in Nebraska that are transplantees having these problems. The...I could check with the other states that have the formularies and see if there's any history with that. This is not a...this is an approach that's been used widely in the Midwest, as you can see from the list of states, and I will check with them to see if there's a dropping in coverage. But, essentially, the insurance coverage is there but it...it is the "copay" and the number of "copays" that people have to meet that is a hardship for a low or a moderate income family.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Since you mentioned low and moderate income families, let me...let me ask you this. The test that's in the bill is 250 cent...percent of the poverty level. What is the significance of 250 percent?

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, Senator Beutler, time is up. Senator Tyson, on the motion to advance LB 287.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members of the Unicameral, it's time to hear very briefly from the Grinch. I will speak on this subject only once and that's now. I intend to vote against this bill. Senator Thompson has very persuasively outlined it and I am sure that there are at least...according to this there's 530 to 55( living Nebraskans with transplants. One of them is a close friend of mine. I